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VIGILANCE TELECOM MONITORING CELL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunication has set up Vigilance Telecom Monitoring Cells at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad in a bid to curb the menace of illegal ILD telephony which has caused losses to the Government amounting to several crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to monitor the menace in other cities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. Department of Telecommunications has setup Vigilance Telecom Monitoring (VTM) Cells in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad to curb the menace of illegal ILD telephony which has caused notional loss of several crores to the Government.

(b) These four VTM Cells has busted 69 cases till date since formation in October, 2004. Total notional loss of Rs. 37.98 crores has been caused to the Government, due to these cases, as per latest available data.

(c) Temporarily these four VTM Cells are monitoring the menace in other cities also. Proposal is under process for creation of more such cells in the other circles of the country.